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Discussions, London, 15 and 16 March 1954

1. [] , during his recent visit to London, met twice with Javelin representatives to discuss CHORUS/VALUABLE problems. The first meeting took place on 15 March and was attended by Aircourt and [] , in addition to []. At that time, [] introduced the main purpose of his visit, namely, the clearance with Javelin of certain aspects of the proposed re-organization of project HURAKO. The chief points made were that as a result of a further examination of the Albanian problem, HURAKO had determined to make further reductions in payments to the Albanians, that these would be made in the form of a subsidy amounting to \$30,000 yearly plus additional payments for the rent and maintenance of offices in Rome and New York and the publishing of OKRAKOK. Javelin also was informed that [] would shortly be withdrawn from [] and that HURAKO is presently studying the question of whether or not he will be replaced.

2. In reply, Aircourt stated that a similar review was being conducted of VALUABLE by Javelin officers who had reached the point of questioning the value of maintaining HURAKO in Rome. Aircourt stated that Javelin almost certainly would shortly withdraw HURAKO without replacing him. It is intended, in addition, to station [] in London rather than Athens. From London, [] will make occasional visits (two or three times a year) to Rome and to Athens in order to supervise developments there in person. Aircourt, indicated, therefore, that rather than objecting to HURAKO's proposal to remove [] without replacement, he believed his superiors would view this proposal with favor, although he felt that a risk was involved to the continuance of HURAKO once the firm hand of the bosses' representatives had been removed. The meeting concluded with an agreement to meet again the following day at which time Aircourt would be in position to give a formal statement of his superiors' views on HURAKO's proposal regarding []

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3. The second meeting, which was held the following afternoon, was attended by the same persons plus [] Airoort's immediate superior. This meeting was very brief and simply confirmed the favorable Javelin position concerning the removal of [] without replacement. Airoort also emphasised a request that no word of KURAKI's impending removal be disclosed to him until His own office had had an opportunity to inform him. It was also agreed that when KURAKI had reached a firm decision on [] replacement, Javelin would be informed. Subsequently, a coordinated announcement would be made in Rome disclosing to ITALIAN the decisions of their backers regarding the removal of the backers' representatives.

4. In accordance with the arrangement agreed upon with Javelin, London will shortly be notified by cable of headquarters' decisions regarding the situation in Rome. It is requested that [] then proceed to arrange with Airoort the instructions to be forwarded to [] and KURAKI concerning the release of this news to ITALIAN.

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